RENTAL REHAB ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANTS APPROVED

BISMARCK – The North Dakota Industrial Commission has approved the distribution of 12 Rental Rehab Assistance Program (RRAP) grants totaling more than $63,000.

"These grants will help property owners upgrade existing rental property so that it is more readily accessible for low-income tenants who are disabled," said Governor John Hoeven. "Working together, our state agencies and property owners are making a positive difference in the quality of life for the citizens of North Dakota."

“Funds are typically used to install door openers, repair sidewalks, upgrade elevators, extend driveways, add walk-in showers, and make other similar property improvements that address the safety and needs of people who have physical disabilities,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.

“Priority is given to improvements that benefit individuals participating in the North Dakota Department of Human Services Developmental Disabilities and Vocational Rehabilitation programs,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. “Applications approved included a minimum dollar-for-dollar match, leveraging more funding for the needed improvements.”

Grant dollars were awarded to:

- The 400, Fargo $29,725.25
- Minot Vocational Workshop, Minot $5,617.50
- Opportunity Foundation, Inc., Williston $1,500
- The Arc of Dickinson, Inc., Dickinson $10,100 (two properties)
- Dickinson Arc Housing, Inc. $5,270
- Renville Bottineau Senior Homes, Mohall $3,909.73
- Grand Forks Homes, Grand Forks $1,400
- Wilton Community Progress Corp., Wilton $4,100 (two properties)
- Butte Housing Corp., Butte $1,750
- Willow City Civic Improvement $533

The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) administers RRAP. A total of 19 grant applications were received for the funding cycle. Non-profit organizations received priority over for-profit organizations in the selection process.

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven, as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, oversees NDHFA. For more information about RRAP, contact the agency at (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621 or (800) 366-6888 (TTY). Information is also available online at www.ndhfa.org.

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